Collection of market tolls.

81. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of public markets in the State;

(*b*) the number of private markets in the State:

(*c*) the amount of market toll that was collected in 1108 and 1109 respectively:

(*d*) whether collection of toll is allowed in the case of private markets;

(*e*) the amount of license fee realised in respect of the Aralumood markets for 1105, 1106 and 1107 respectively and the period of which this was a private market; and

(*f*) the amount for which the right of collection of toll in the above markets for the year 1110 is auctioned and sold by Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*)

(*a*) 193, at the end of 1109.

(*b*) 343, at the end of 1109.

(*c*) The amounts realised by Government from contractors to whom public day markets were leased out in auction in 1108 and 1109 were Rs. 81,590 and Rs. 82,020 respectively. Tolls in private day markets are being collected by their owners who take out licenses to run them annually on payment of the prescribed license fees. Information is not available about the amount of tolls collected by such owners.

(*d*) Yes; in the case of private day markets only.

(*e*) Rs. 80 each per year. These markets were private markets till 1-1-1109.

(*f*) The right of collection of toll in the above markets for the year 1110 was not auctioned and sold by Government as they ceased to be under the control and management of Government.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether they are aware of several representations from the members of this House during the general discussion of the Budget regarding the abolition of Market tolls?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Yes.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether they have considered the question?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Yes.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know when?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): After that discussion took place,

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether they have come to any decision regarding the abolition of market tolls?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Sir, the very fact that these tolls continue is tantamount to saying that the Government have decided to carry on the system of having tolls.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government the principle underlying the levy of market tolls?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): To spend the money collected as far as possible on the improvements of the market.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government the total amount which the Government have spent for maintaining markets in the year 1110?

PRESIDENT: Is it in the Budget?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): It is in the Budget.

PRESIDENT: The honourable member has been supplied with a copy of the Budget and he ought to gather the information from it.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the Government are aware that it is only the poor agriculturists who go to market for selling their agricultural products?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): No, Sir all sorts of people go.

PRESIDENT: Every man who has to buy a thing goes there.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Not only poor people but rich people also go there to sell their articles,

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether agricultural income is exempted from assessment of income tax?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Yes, Sir.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government under whose control were the Aralumood markets in the year 1109?

MR. K. GORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): They were private markets under the control of Division Peishkar.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): You have stated in the answer that those markets ceased to be under the management of Government during 1109.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): They were under the control of Municipality.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): In the answer it is stated that only for the year 1110 they were not under the control of Government.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): That is because the question relates to the year 1110.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): My question was under whose control the Aralumood markets were in the year 1109.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I think it was transferred to the Municipality in the year 1109.

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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Then may I know the amount for which the Municipality has sanctioned the right of collection of tolls in these markets in the year 1109?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Rs. 2,660 for the cattle market and Rs. 5,405 for the other market.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the licensee does not pay a sum of Rs. 80 per annum for both the markets together?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): No Rs. 80 is for each market.

Promotion of copyists as clerks.

82. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the system of promoting the copyists in the Magistrates' Courts as clerks was in vogue till 1108 M. E.;

(*b*) whether the system still continues:

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, why it was discontinued:

(*d*) whether they are aware that there are copyists who are qualified to be clerks, and who have already acted as clerks before, who are not given promotion as clerks

(*e*) whether they are aware that, overlooking the claims of the clerks, fresh hands are being entertained as acting clerks in the Taluk Offices and Magistrates' Courts; and

(*f*) whether the qualified copyists are included in the list of acting clerks in the Taluk Offices and in the Magistrates' Courts?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*), this does not arise.

(*d*) There are copyists who are qualified to be clerks and who have acted as clerks. Their claims for promotion as clerks are also considered when appointments are made.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): How many of the copyists were appointed as clerks, permanent or acting, in the year 1110?

PRESIDENT: You do not seem to be free yet from the atmosphere of the copyists, Mr. Nair.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Part (*e*) of my question is—

> (*e*) "whether they are aware that, overlooking the claims of the clerks, fresh hands are being entertained as acting clerks in the taluk offices and Magistrates' Courts"

and the answer is 'No'. I am now putting the supplementary question:—

> "How many clerks were entertained on the whole, in the Taluk offices and Magistrates' Courts, in 1110."

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